



# **MINUTES OF CITY COUNCIL Diamondhead, Mississippi**

**Diamondhead Country Club  
February 4, 2013  
6:00 pm**

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1. **Call to Order**—Mayor Ingraham called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **Invocation**—Mayor Ingraham
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**—Councilmember Holcomb
4. **Roll Call**—The following members of Council were present: Mayor Ingraham, Dianne Ackerman, Hank Holcomb, Ernie Knobloch, Ron Rech, Dalton Roberson
5. **Approval of Minutes**  
01.24.13 Recessed Minutes—After discussion, Councilmember Rech moved, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, to approve the minutes with the corrections made by members of Council. The motion carried unanimously and was passed.
6. **Confirmation or Adjustment of the Agenda Order**—Councilmember Ackerman moved, seconded by Councilmember Knobloch, to accept the order of the Agenda. The motion carried unanimously and was passed.
7. **Communications/Announcements from the Mayor and Council**
  - a. City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 18, 2013, in observance of the President's Day Holiday. The regularly scheduled Council Meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, February 19, 2013 in Council Chambers of the Diamondhead City Hall, 5000 Diamondhead Circle
  - b. City Birthday Celebration, 10 a.m. February 6, 2013, Council Chambers, Diamondhead City Hall, 5000 Diamondhead Circle
  - c. State of the City Address, 6 p.m. February 6, 2013, Council Chambers, Diamondhead City Hall, 5000 Diamondhead Circle
  - d. Work Sessions to be held on February 14 and February 28 will be held at the new city hall at 5000 Diamondhead Circle at 9am both days. Ordinance 2013-029 passed at the last meeting changes our regularly scheduled council meeting effective March 4, 2013, to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays at 6 p.m. The 1 pm meeting will no longer be held after February 19, 2013.
8. **Presentations / Appointments**
  - a. Nutrient Management Center—Councilmember Holcomb updated Council on the assistance of the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality in the development of quality environmental regulations for the city.
  - b. Cruisin' the Coast Progress Report—Councilmember Holcomb indicated that it looks very encouraging that the City of Diamondhead will be approved for inclusion in the next Crusin' the Coast activities. The proposed City activities include a cruise around Diamondhead Drive and a Blessing of the Classics.
9. **City Manager's Report**
  - a. The City Manager recognized Paul Montjoy who gave an update to Council on the Beautification Committee.
  - b. Urban Forestry Council has grants available for fast-growing trees that the City will pursue.
  - c. Family Dollar will break ground in two to three weeks. Wayne Cooper will coordinate with Diamondhead businesses and the Hancock Chamber of Commerce and also distribute information to outlets.

- d. The move into the new city hall facility is complete. Special thanks to Stephanie McConnell and Brenda Smith of Latter and Blum for their very generous donation of office furniture valued between \$15,000-\$20,000.
- e. Mardi Gras Parade to be held on Saturday, February 9, 2013 at 12 Noon.
- f. The City Manager indicated that the city is still in need of volunteers to assist in the day-to-day operation; please contact Susan Holcomb to volunteer; Volunteer Mary Allen was recognized.
- g. Kristin Ventura, City Accountant, was introduced.
- h. The City Manager repeated the Mayor's invitation to the City's first birthday party and State of the City Address to be held on February 6, 2013.

Mayor Ingraham gave a special thanks to the City Manager for his efforts in preparing the new city hall. Mr. Rose gave much credit to the Public Works employees and their hard work.

- 10. **Docket of Claims**—Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember Rech, to accept the Docket of Claims as presented, subject to any corrections made by members of Council. The motion carried unanimously and was passed.
- 11. **Citizens Wishing to Address Council, Agenda Items**
  - 1. Tommy Schafer was recognized and addressed Council on an opportunity for public/private partnership to open a paddling/kayaking pathway and improve points of access on Rotten Bayou, related to the report Councilmember Holcomb gave on the Nutrient Management Center.

<b>CONSENT AGENDA</b>
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Councilmember Holcomb moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously and was passed.

- 12. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. Contract for GIS Service, Graphic Computer Technologies LLOC (GCT)
  - b. Resolution Authorizing Preparation and Submittal of an Application for Funds from the Mississippi Development Authority
  - c. Police Chief Job Description
  - d. Agreements Between Diamondhead City Municipal Election Commission and Municipal Executive Committees for the Democratic and Republican Parties of Hancock County

<b>REGULAR AGENDA</b>
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- 13. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. Storm Water Master Plan/Phase II Contract—Councilmember Knobloch moved, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, to approve the contract with Seymour Engineering. The motion carried unanimously and was passed.
  - b. Selection of Two Members to Keep Diamondhead Beautiful Committee—Councilmember Ackerman moved, seconded by Councilmember Roberson, to table the item until the next Council Work Session to be held on February 28, 2013. The motion carried unanimously and was passed.
- 14. **Ordinances and/or Resolutions pulled from the Consent Agenda**
  - None

<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>
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At 7:01 p.m., upon motion by Councilmember Roberson and second by Councilmember Rech, the Council voted unanimously to go into Closed Session to determine the need for an Executive Session.

Upon motion by Councilmember Roberson and second by Councilmember Ackerman, the Council voted unanimously to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and economic development.

Upon motion by Councilmember Holcomb and second by Councilmember Rech, the council voted unanimously to come out of Executive Session.

### **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

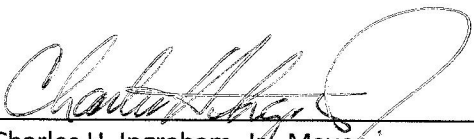
Upon, motion by Councilmember Roberson at 7:31 p.m. and second by Councilmember Rech, the Council voted unanimously to return to the Regular meeting. All who were present when the closed session began were again present when the session ended.

No votes were taken and no decisions were made in the Executive Session.

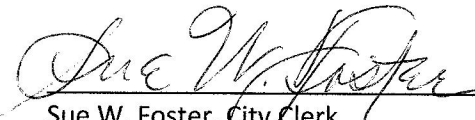
**15. Citizens Wishing to Address Council, Non-Agenda Items**

1. Tommy Schafer was recognized and addressed Council regarding their adoption of the IBC 2012 Building Codes.

**16. ADJOURN**—Councilmember Roberson moved, seconded by Councilmember Ackerman, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

  
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Charles H. Ingraham, Jr., Mayor

Date: February 19, 2013

  
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Sue W. Foster, City Clerk

Meeting Notice Posted at City Hall on February 3, 2013.